



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 3(O)(18)(A)

TO: Honorable Chairperson Barbara
Carey-Shuler, Ed.D and Members,
Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 3, 2004

FROM: George W. Burgess
County Manager

SUBJECT: Application for High Intensity Drug
Trafficking Area Program Funds
for the STOP Program

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution authorizing the County Manager to apply for \$195,500 in federal funds from the Office of Justice Assistance, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program, to support the Miami-Dade Police Department Street Terror Offender Program (STOP). The resolution additionally authorizes the County Manager to receive, expend, and execute agreements and necessary amendments to the grant application. The grant covers the period of February 1, 2004, through January 31, 2005. This grant does not require any matching local or in-kind funds.

BACKGROUND

STOP was established in October 1990 when the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Miami-Dade Police Department formed a unit to target violent crimes related to narcotics. Homicides, drug robberies, assaults with firearms, and robberies whose profits are being cycled back into the drug industry are the primary concerns of the unit. The focus of the unit is to target career criminals who traditionally employ firearms in the commission of their crimes, home invaders, police impersonators, armed drug gangs and groups involved in the illegal trade of firearms trafficking. During these long-term investigations, STOP personnel distract some of the County's most dangerous subjects to prevent them from committing home invasions and other serious crimes.

To date, the STOP program has been very successful in deterring crimes in Miami-Dade County. The unit has identified and dismantled 14 armed home invasion robbery groups through proactive undercover investigations. Additionally, the unit has arrested a total of 30 robbery group members for narcotics and firearm violations; 59 subjects involved in violent home invasion groups, armed trafficking and police impersonating; and seized 57 firearms, over 7,500 rounds of ammunition, and 2.250 kilograms of cocaine. STOP will continue to focus on the proactive investigation of groups who engage in narcotics related firearm violations, robberies, and homicides.

The requested funds, in the amount of \$195,500, will be utilized by the Miami-Dade Police Department towards overtime, travel expenses, vehicles, equipment, supplies, and investigative expenses necessary to support the STOP operations.

Susanne M. Torriente
Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Hon. Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 3, 2004

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☒ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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2-3-04

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER'S ACTION IN APPLYING FOR FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA PROGRAM, TO SUPPORT THE MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT STREET TERROR OFFENDER PROGRAM (STOP); AND AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE, EXPEND, AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO THE APPLICATION

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board approves the County Manager's action in applying for federal funds in the amount of \$195,500 from the Office of Justice Assistance, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program, for the Miami-Dade Police Department Street Terror Offender Program; authorizes the County Manager to receive, expend, and execute such contracts and agreements as required, following their approval by the County Attorney's Office; to expend any and all monies received for the purposes and as described in the application; to receive and expend additional funds should they become available, and to file and execute any necessary amendments to the application for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson	
Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Betty T. Ferguson	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss	Dorrian D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of February, 2004. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. RB
Richard B. Rosenthal

By: _____
Deputy Clerk